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## Compounds For Medicinal Purposes

### **Abstract:**

Application of compounds of formula (1) (Gibberellins) and their derivatives for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition or medicaments for the treatment of diabetes and related conditions. The method results the normalization of serum glucose level and other physiological conditions.

### **Field of the invention:**

The present invention relates to the application of a group of compounds known as Gibberellins and their derivatives for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of diabetes and related conditions, as well as a method for treating these and other conditions by administering Gibberellins on a pharmaceutically acceptable salts or esters including glycoside esters, active esters or lactones. Moreover, this invention relates to the manufacturing and the use of a medicament for treating diabetes and related conditions thereof. Furthermore, the application of Gibberellins and their derivatives especially by oral, injection, transdermal patches, or by inhalation administration can be used as a substitute for insulin and/or its fragment derivatives and/or IGF (Insulin like Growth Factor) treatment or as a choice of combination therapy with insulin, its fragment derivatives, IGF, growth factors or other pharmaceutically compatible anti-diabetic agents for the treatment of diabetes and related conditions.

### **Background of the invention:**

This invention relates to a novel application of Gibberellins in veterinary and human medicines. In particular the invention concerns Gibberellins' pharmaceutical formulations and their use for the treatment of diabetes including type 1 and type 2 diabetes and their related conditions.

Gibberellins are a series of naturally occurring compounds, which are known as plant growth regulators with wide application in the plant kingdom [1]. They have also been isolated from metabolites of some microorganisms, such as Gibberella fujikuroi [2]. Gibberellins, especially Gibberellic Acid (Gibberellin A<sub>3</sub>), and its mixture with Gibberellin A<sub>4</sub> and/or A<sub>7</sub> which are commercially available, have been extensively applied in agriculture to increase the growth of some fruits (strawberries and grapes) and

vegetables (tomatoes, cabbages and cauliflowers), also as food additive in the malting of barley [3].

[1]. J. MacMillian, et al. "Isolation and Structure of Gibberellin From Higher Plants". Adv. Chem. Ser 28, 18~24, (1961).

[2].

(a) P.J. Curtis et al. Chem. & Ind. (London) 1066, (1954).

(b) B.E. Cross, J. Chem. Soc. 4670, (1954).

(c) P.W. Brian et al, U.S. 2,842,051.

(d) C.T. Calam et al, U.S. 2,950,288.

(e) A.J. Birch et al, U.S. 2,977,285.

[3].

(a) M. Devlin, Plant Physiology, New York, Reinhold, (1966).

(b) P.W. Brian et al, Plant Physiol, 5,669 (1955).

(c) A.K Mehta et al, J. Hostic Sci 4, 167 (1975).

(d) R.J. Weavor, Adv. Chem. Ser 28, 89 (1961).

(e) F.G. Gustafson, Plant Physical 35, 521 (1960).

(f) Fed. Reg. 25, 2162 (1960).

Gibberellin A<sub>3</sub> and its mixture of Gibberellin A<sub>4</sub> and/or A<sub>7</sub> can be obtained by fermentation of microorganisms such as Gibberella fujikuroi. The crude compounds can be isolated and purified by solvent extraction and recrystallization to afford a high purity crystalline product. The other derivatives of Gibberellin can be obtained by either semi-synthetic route from Gibberellin A<sub>3</sub> or total synthesis which have been well documented [4].

[4].

(a) The Merck Index, 12, 4426, literatures cited herein.

(b) Furber M., et al., "New Synthesis Pathways From Gibberellins to Atheridiogens Isolated From the Fern Genus Anemia", J. of Org. Chem. vol 55, No. 15, 4860~4870 (1990).

(c) Mander L. N., et al., "C-18 hydroxylation of Gibberellins", J. C. S., Perkin Trans. 1 (17), 2893~2894 (2000).

(d) Pour M. et al., "Synthesis of 3,12-Dihydroxy-9,15-Cyclo Gibberellins", Tetrahedron 54(45), 13833~13850 (1998).

(e) Liu J. P. et al., "A General Protocol For the Hydroxylation of C-14 in Gibberellins Synthesis of 14-Beta-hydroxy-Gibberellin A<sub>1</sub> Methyl Ester", Tetrahedron 54(38), 11637~11650 (1998).

(f) Pour M., et al., "Synthetic and Structural Studies on Novel Gibberellins", Pure and Applied Chemistry 70(2), 351~354 (1998); "Synthesis of 12-Hydroxy-9,15-Cyclo-Gibberellins", Tetrahedron Letters, 39(14), 1991~1994 (1998); Australian J. of Chemistry 50(4), 289~299 (1997).

(g) King G. R. et al., "A New and Efficient Strategy for the Total Synthesis of Polycyclic Diterpenoids – The Preparation of Gibberellins (+/-)-GA<sub>103</sub> and (+/-)-GA<sub>73</sub>", *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 119(16), 3828~3829 (1997).

(h) Mander L. N., "Synthesis of 12-Hydroxy-C-20-Gibberellin from Gibberellin A<sub>3</sub>", *Tetrahedron* 53(6), 2137~2162 (1997) and literatures cited herein.

Furthermore, the extraction and isolation of different Gibberellins from different plants, shoots, fruits and seeds have also been widely published [5].

[5].

(a) Pearce D.W., et al., *Phytochemistry*, 59(6), 679~687 (2002).

(b) Chang S. T., et al., *Physiologia Plantarum*, 112(3), 429~432 (2001).

(c) Nakayama M. et al., *Phytochemistry*, 57(5), 749~758 (2001); 48(4), 587~593 (1998).

(d) Blake P. S., et al., *Phytochemistry*, 55(8), 887~890 (2000); 53(4), 519~528 (2000).

(e) Koshioka M., et al., *J. of the Japanese Society for Horticultural Science*, 68(6), 1158~1160 (1999); 67(6), 866~871 (1998).

(f) Mander L. N. et al., *Phytochemistry*, 49(8), 2195~2206 (1998); 49(6), 1509~1515 (1998).

(g) Wynne G. et al., *Phytochemistry*, 49(7), 1837~1840 (1998).

Gibberellins have previously been used for anti-inflammation, treatment of prostatitis and psoriasis, treatment of tumor, and for ulcer and wound healing [6].

[6].

(a) U.S. 4424232 1/1984 Parkinson

(b) French 2597339 10/1987

(c) U.S. 5487899 1/1996 Davis

(d) U.S. 5580857 12/1996 Oden

(e) AUS. 695054 11/1998 Wu

(f) U.S. 6121317 9/2000 Wu

We have now found application of Gibberellin or its derivatives for the treatment of diabetes including type 1 and type 2 diabetes and their related conditions.

#### Disclosure of the invention:

It has now been found that Gibberellins possess mammalian growth factor (such as IGF, EGF) like properties in our laboratory.

The experimental results (examples 3 and 4) suggested that Gibberellins, which are generated by plants and microbes, act as broad spectrum binders binding to a range of growth factor receptors. They differ from the growth factors found in animals, each of which has a high affinity for a specific receptor. This is the result of evolution. The

biological systems of plants and microbes produce biological substances acting on a broader (less specific) base than that of the more complex life forms such as animals.

Since Gibberellins are smaller molecules than growth factors, the binding of Gibberellins on the growth factor receptors is probably weaker. In the presence of low level of growth factors, Gibberellins bind to growth factor receptors to stimulate cell growth and other functions. Under this condition, Gibberellins perform the functions of the growth factors. In the presence of normal level of growth factors, the growth factors bind to their receptors more readily due to their higher affinity for those receptor sites. The physical bulkiness of these growth factors leave no room or very little room at the receptor sites for which Gibberellins can bind. This results in Gibberellins being ineffective when growth factors are present in sufficient quantities. This mechanism provides a very good profile for Gibberellins acting as a substitute for growth factors including IGF since the presence of excess Gibberellins will not interfere with the normal functions of these growth factors.

It is known that insulin, IGF and EGF receptors are all in the same family and their structures are expected to be have 90% similarity (Ward C.M. et al., *Nature*, 394 (6691), 395~399 (1998); *Molecular pathology*, 54(3), 125~132 (2001)). Therefore, it may be logically expected that Gibberellins could play a role not only as a substitute for growth factors but also as a substitute for insulin.

Diabetes mellitus is a chronic disorder manifested by hyperglycemia and altered lipid and protein metabolism. According to the American Diabetes Association, more than 13 million people in the U.S. suffer from diabetes, and each year some 650,000 new cases are identified. The introduction of insulin and of sulfonyl ureas represented important landmarks in the treatment of diabetes mellitus. Insulin like growth factor – 1 (IGF-1), a molecule with structure homology to insulin, has its own specific receptor, the type-1 IGF receptor, through which it elicits a variety of metabolic effects that are similar to insulin. The discovery of the active region of human growth factor responsible for the insulin like actions of the molecule has led to the development of its fragment as new anti-diabetic peptide agent. It is also known that growth factors are polypeptides that regulate the replication, differentiation and metabolic homeostasis cells. They increase the growth and/or survival of neurons. IGF-2 is known to increase the rate of nerve regeneration, in pre-clinical testing for the treatment of various neurological disorders including diabetic neuropathies. Furthermore, elevated intracellular concentrations of c-AMP potentiate glucose-dependent insulin secretion from pancreatic  $\beta$ -cells. It is known that Gibberellins increase the activity of adenylate and gryanylate cyclase. The intracellular concentrations of c-AMP and c-GMP may therefore be increased by the administration of Gibberellins as the consequence to potentiate glucose-dependent insulin secretions from pancreatic  $\beta$ -cells. From the review described above, it may be logically expected to apply Gibberellins for the treatment of diabetes.

The animal experiment results (examples 5 & 6) showed diabetic rats treated with 5mg/kg of Gibberellin A<sub>3</sub> or a mixture of A<sub>3</sub> and A<sub>4</sub> or A<sub>7</sub> returned their serum glucose level to the normal, as well as their body weights. It indicated that Gibberellins may be effective in the treatment of diabetes.

In combination with the fact that the toxicity to mammals of Gibberellin A<sub>3</sub> is extremely low. The acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> for rats and mice is reported to be 6.3g/kg [7a] and >15g/kg [7b] respectively. In 90-day feeding trials, the no effect level for rats and dogs was >1g/kg/day [7b]. It is non-irritating to skin and eyes [7b]. No indication has been found of carcinogenicity [7c]. Classifications: WHO Toxicity Class Table 5 (least hazardous class product, unlikely to present acute hazard in normal use); EPA Toxicity class III (second least hazardous classification).

[7].

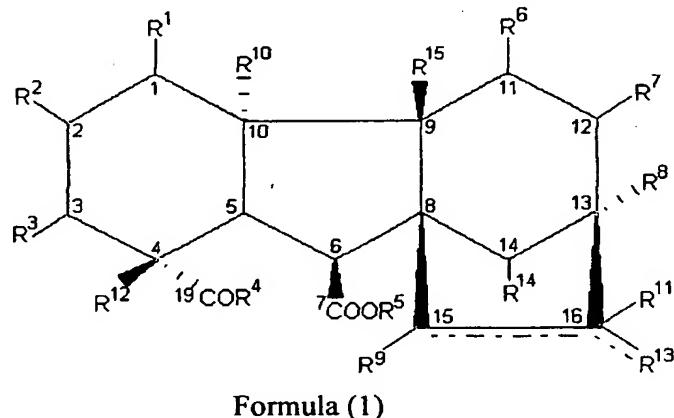
(a) NTP Chemical Repository,

[http://ntpserver.niehs.nih.gov/htdocs/CHEM\\_H&S/NTP\\_CHEM7/Radian77-06-5.html](http://ntpserver.niehs.nih.gov/htdocs/CHEM_H&S/NTP_CHEM7/Radian77-06-5.html)

(b) The Agrochemicals Handbook, Royal Society of Chemistry, August 1991.

(c) Gold L. S., Slone T. H., Ames B. N. (2001), Pesticide Residues in Food and Cancer Risk: A Critical Analysis, Publications from the Carcinogenic Potency Project, in Handbook of Pesticide Toxicity, Second Edition, (R. Krieger, ed.), Academic Press.

Thus this invention provides an aspect use of compounds of formula (1) (Gibberellins) and their derivatives for the treatment of diabetes and related conditions. Furthermore, this invention would be extended as described in the "Field of the invention".



wherein

$\text{R}^1$  is H or a group  $-\text{O}-\text{R}^{20}$ , where  $\text{R}^{20}$  is H, or together with  $\text{R}^2$  or  $\text{R}^{10}$  forms a bond ( $\text{C}_1-\text{C}_2$  or  $\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{10}$  double bond, respectively);

$R^2$  is H or a group  $-O-R^{21}$ , where  $R^{21}$  is H, a glycosylic ether group (glycoside ether) or together with  $R^4$  forms a bond (lactone) or together with  $R^1$  or  $R^3$  forms a bond ( $C_1-C_2$  or  $C_2-C_3$  double bond, respectively);

$R^3$  is H, =O, or  $-O-R^{22}$ , where  $R^{22}$  is H or a glycosylic ether group (glycoside ether), or together with  $R^2$  forms a bond ( $C_2-C_3$  double bond);

$R^4$  is OH, or  $-OR^{23}$ , where  $R^{23}$  is unsubstituted or substituted  $C_{1-20}$  alkyl, allyl, aryl, arylalkyl, amidine,  $-NR^{24}R^{25}$  or an unsaturated or saturated ring containing one or more hetero-atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur;  $R^{24}$  and  $R^{25}$  may or may not be the same, are hydrogen, or  $C_{1-20}$  alkyl, allyl, aryl, arylalkyl or an unsaturated or saturated ring containing one or more hetero-atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur;  $R^4$  together with  $R^{21}$  or  $R^{28}$  forms a bond (lactone);

$R^5$  is H or a glycosylic ester (glycoside ester) group, or unsubstituted or substituted (e.g. halogenated)  $C_{1-20}$  alkyl esters, allyl esters, aryl esters, arylalkyl esters, active esters (such as phenacyl ester, pivaloyl ester);

$R^6$  is H or OH or together with  $R^7$  forms a bond ( $C_{11}-C_{12}$  double bond);

$R^7$  is H, =O, or  $-OR^{26}$ , where  $R^{26}$  is H or a glycosylic ether group (glycoside ether) or together with  $R^6$  forms a bond ( $C_{11}-C_{12}$  double bond);

$R^8$  is H, hydroxyl, mercaptan, or halogen (e.g. F, Cl), amino, azido,  $NR^{24}R^{25}$ , unsubstituted or substituted (e.g. halogenated)  $C_{1-20}$  alkyl, allyl, aryl, or arylalkyl, or  $-OR^{27}$ , where  $R^{27}$  is a glycosylic ether group (glycoside ether);

$R^9$  is H or OH, or together with  $R^{15}$  forms a bond ( $C_9-C_{15}$  bond);

$R^{10}$  is H,  $CH_3$ ,  $CHO$ ,  $COOH$ , or a glycosylic ester (glycoside ester) of said  $COOH$ ,  $CH_2O-R^{28}$  or  $-OR^{28}$ , where  $R^{28}$  is H or together with  $R^4$  forms a bond (lactone) or together with  $R^1$  forms a bond ( $C_1-C_{10}$  double bond);

$R^{11}$  is OH or absent;

$R^{12}$  is  $CH_3$ ,  $CH_2OH$ ,  $COOH$  or a glycosylic ester (glycoside ester) of said  $COOH$ ;

$R^{13}$  is methylene, or a divalent hetero-atom, or  $NR^{29}$ , where  $R^{29}$  is  $NR^{30}$  or  $OR^{30}$  where  $R^{30}$  is H, or  $C_{1-20}$  alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl; when  $R^{11}$  is absent, a double bond is present between  $C_{16}$  and  $R^{13}$ ;

$R^{14}$  is H or OH;

$R^{15}$  is H, or together with  $R^9$  forms a bond ( $C_9-C_{15}$  bond);

And pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives, lactones, esters and salts including alkali metal salts (e.g.  $Na^+$ ,  $K^+$ ), alkaline earth metal salts (e.g.  $Ca^{2+}$ ,  $Mg^{2+}$ ), metal salts (e.g.  $Zn^{2+}$ ,  $Al^{3+}$ ), and salts of ammonium, organic bases (such as  $NR^{16}R^{17}R^{18}R^{19}$  where  $R^{16}$ ,  $R^{17}$ ,  $R^{18}$ ,  $R^{19}$ , which may be the same or not the same, are hydrogen,  $C_{1-20}$  alkyl, alkanol, aryl) thereof.

The dotted line together with the solid line indicate that a double bond may be situated between two of the three carbon atoms connected by the dotted and solid lines; with the proviso that a double bond is not present if  $R^{11}$  is an OH group.

Since Formula (1) complies with normal valence rules, this leads to the further provisos as follows:

$R^1$  and  $R^2$  cannot form a bond if  $R^{10}$  and  $R^1$  and/or  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  form a bond;  $R^{10}$  and  $R^1$  cannot form a bond if  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{23}$  form a bond;  $R^2$  and  $R^1$  or  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  cannot form a bond if  $R^4$  and  $R^{21}$  form a bond.

In the case of Gibberellin A<sub>3</sub>,  $R^1$  together with  $R^2$  forms a bond ( $C_1-C_2$  double bond);  $R^3$  is  $\beta$ -OH,  $R^4$  together with  $R^{28}$  forms a bond (lactone);  $R^5$ ,  $R^6$ ,  $R^7$ , and  $R^9$  are hydrogens,  $R^8$  is OH,  $R^{11}$  is absent;  $R^{12}$  is methyl;  $R^{13}$  is methylene, a double bond is present between  $C_{16}$  and  $R^{13}$ ;  $R^{14}$  and  $R^{15}$  are hydrogens.

## MD-960 – TRIAL 3

### METHODS

Male Wistar rats (290-330g) were weighed and lightly anaesthetised (4% halothane, 2:1 O<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub>O) so that blood glucose levels could be measured via a tail vein sample, using a Precision Q.I.D. glucometer. Diabetes was then induced by a single tail vein injection of streptozotocin (STZ, 60 mg/kg), which was dissolved immediately prior to use in citrate buffer (50mM citric acid and 50mM trisodium citrate; pH 4.5). An equivalent volume of citrate buffer was injected into age-matched control rats.

Rats were housed in groups of two for the next two weeks. Animal house temperature was maintained at 20°C (±2°C) with a 12 hour light/dark cycle, and rats were allowed free access to food and water.

Ethical approval for all experiments was obtained from the Pharmacology Animal Ethics Committee.

### DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND DAILY MONITORING PROTOCOL

Forty eight hours after the administration of STZ (60mg/kg), a blood glucose sample was taken and animals with blood glucose levels ≥16mM were considered to be diabetic. Rats were then randomly divided into one of the following three groups:

- (1) insulin-treated (4U; s.c.) diabetic rats receiving insulin daily for the entire trial,
- (2) sub-maximal insulin- treated (2U; s.c.) diabetic rats receiving a daily dose of insulin for the entire trial. These animals also received an oral dose of MD-960 (5mg/kg) three times daily from days 42-46, and
- (3) sub-maximal insulin- (2U; s.c.) and MD-960-treated (5mg/kg) diabetic rats receiving a daily dose of insulin and MD-960. MD-960 was initially given s.c., but was administered *i.p.* from days 26-46. This group was given an additional dose of MD-960 (5mg/kg; *i.p.*) (ie. once in the morning and again in the afternoon) from days 38-46.

The slow-acting, Lente Monotard insulin was used and MD-960 was made up as required in distilled water immediately prior to use.

Blood glucose readings were obtained two hours after the administration of drug(s), every three days. From days 36-46 blood glucose readings were obtained five hours after the administration of insulin and/or MD-960.

Rats were sacrificed by a blow to the head and decapitation on day 46 of the trial in accordance with the ethics obtained for this study.

## MD-90 TRIAL 3

RAW DATA - BODY WEIGHT	
CODE	TREATMENT
PINK 1	INSULIN (4U)
PINK 2	INSULIN (4U)
PINK 3	INSULIN (4U)
PINK 4	INSULIN (4U)
BLUE 1	INSULIN (2U)
BLUE 2	INSULIN (2U)
BLUE 3	INSULIN (2U)
BLUE 4	INSULIN (2U)
GREEN 1	MD-90 + INSULIN
GREEN 2	MD-90 + INSULIN
GREEN 3	MD-90 + INSULIN
GREEN 4	MD-90 + INSULIN

## BODY WEIGHT - % INCREASE/DECREASE

CODE	TREATMENT
PINK 1	INSULIN (4U)
PINK 2	INSULIN (4U)
PINK 3	INSULIN (4U)
PINK 4	INSULIN (4U)
BLUE 1	INSULIN (2U)
BLUE 2	INSULIN (2U)
BLUE 3	INSULIN (2U)
BLUE 4	INSULIN (2U)
GREEN 1	MD-90 + INSULIN
GREEN 2	MD-90 + INSULIN
GREEN 3	MD-90 + INSULIN
GREEN 4	MD-90 + INSULIN

## RAW DATA - BLOOD GLUCOSE

CODE	TREATMENT
PINK 1	INSULIN (4U)
PINK 2	INSULIN (4U)
PINK 3	INSULIN (4U)
PINK 4	INSULIN (4U)
BLUE 1	INSULIN (2U)
BLUE 2	INSULIN (2U)
BLUE 3	INSULIN (2U)
BLUE 4	INSULIN (2U)
GREEN 1	MD-90 + INSULIN
GREEN 2	MD-90 + INSULIN
GREEN 3	MD-90 + INSULIN
GREEN 4	MD-90 + INSULIN

## GROUP DATA - BODY WEIGHT

CODE	TREATMENT
PINK	INSULIN (4U)
BLUE	INSULIN (2U)
GREEN	MD-90 + INSULIN

## GROUP DATA - BLOOD GLUCOSE

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PINK	INSULIN (4U)
BLUE	INSULIN (2U)
GREEN	MD-90 + INSULIN

## GROUP DATA - % BODY WEIGHT

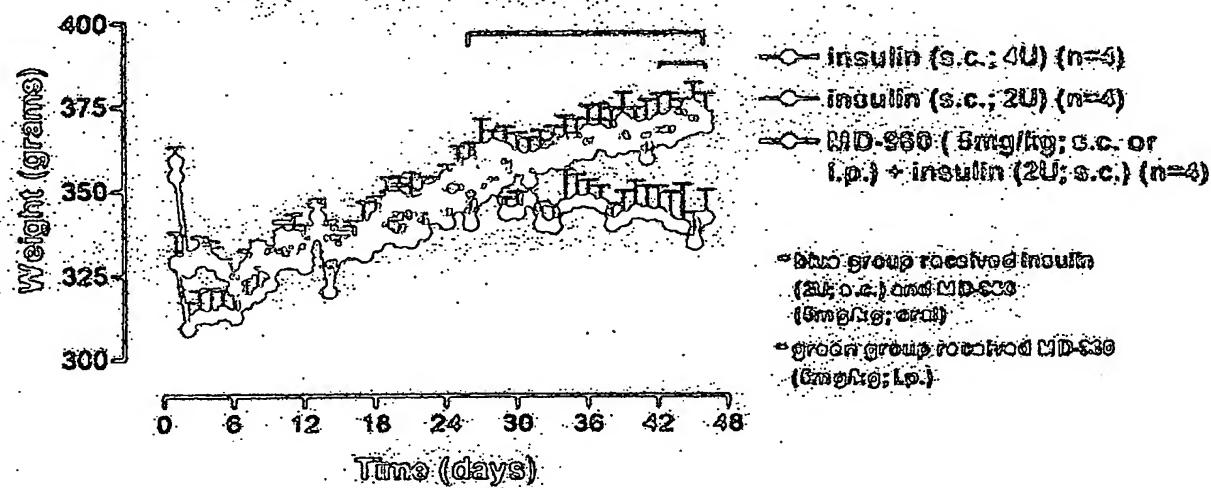
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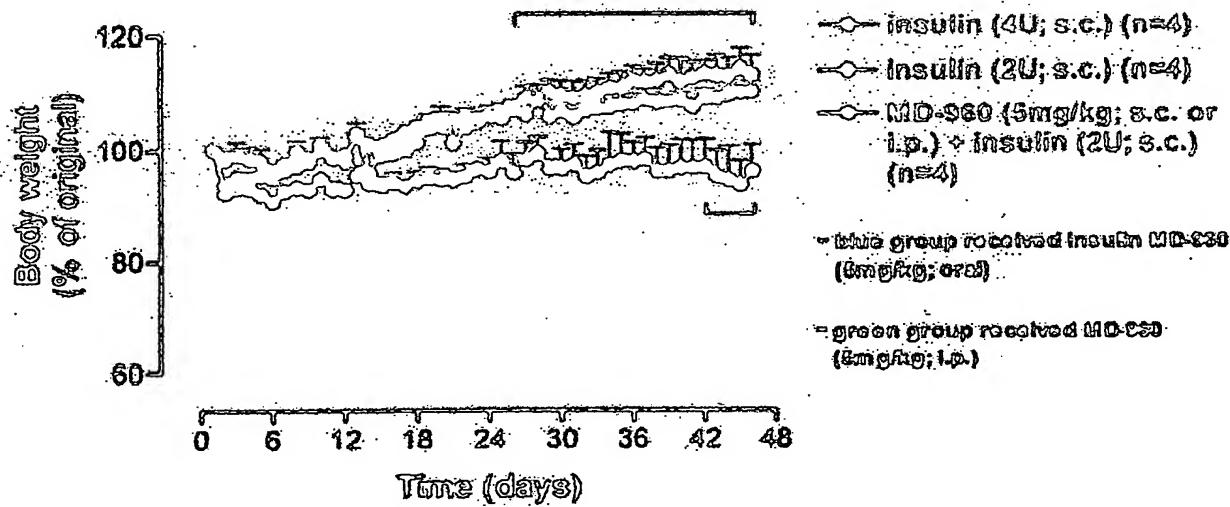


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6.205588	366	8.236999	370.5	0.170087	367	7.22265	368.5	7.332003	370.25	6.035078	371	7.382412	369.75	6.771646	374	7.691987
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3.721673	90.05045	4.001547	90.05045	4.573718	90.56821	4.841317	90.60713	4.72555	90.15131	4.157153	90.05534	4.007135	94.44442	1.311501	109.975	1.00692
2.074561	111.9901	3.01191	113.174	2.725028	111.9438	3.656244	112.082	2.083440	113.2088	2.262098	112.9114	3.489509	112.6184	3.147219	114.1152	3.371558
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**Effect of MD-960 (5mg/kg; s.c.  
or i.p.) and/or insulin (2-4U;  
s.c.) on body weight (g) of  
streptozotocin-diabetic rats**

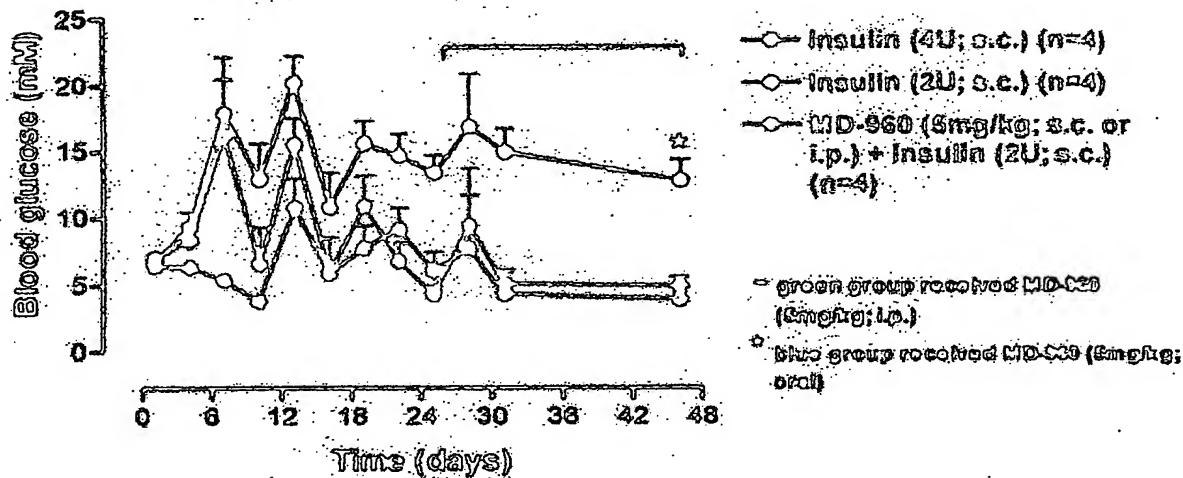


**Effect of MD-960 (5mg/kg; s.c.,  
i.p. or oral) and/or insulin (2-4U;  
s.c.) on body weight (% of  
original) of streptozotocin-  
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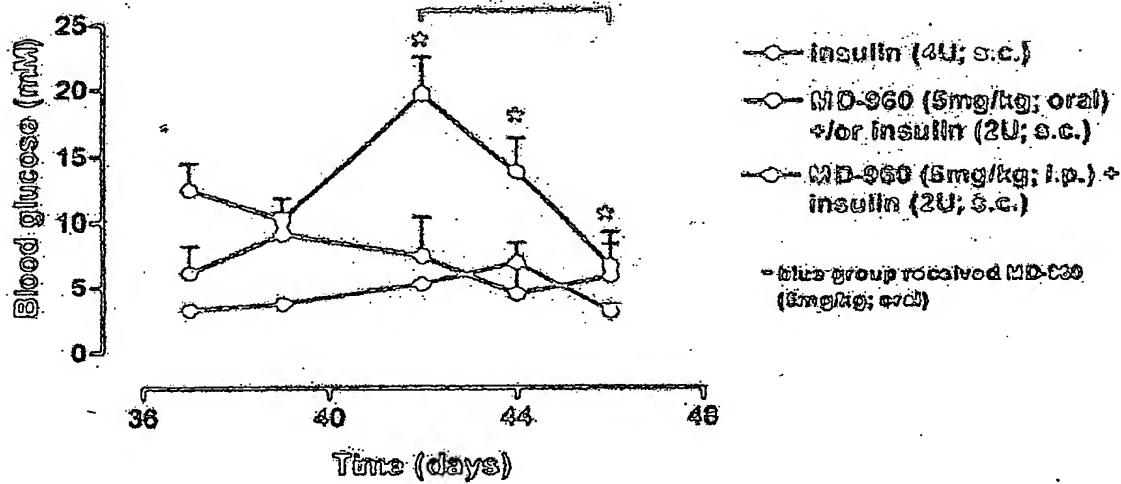


\*Note: MD-960 represents Gibberellin A<sub>3</sub>

**Effect of MD-960 (5mg/kg; s.c.  
or i.p.) and/or insulin (2-4U;  
s.c.) on blood glucose (mM) of  
streptozotocin-diabetic rats 2  
hours after administration**



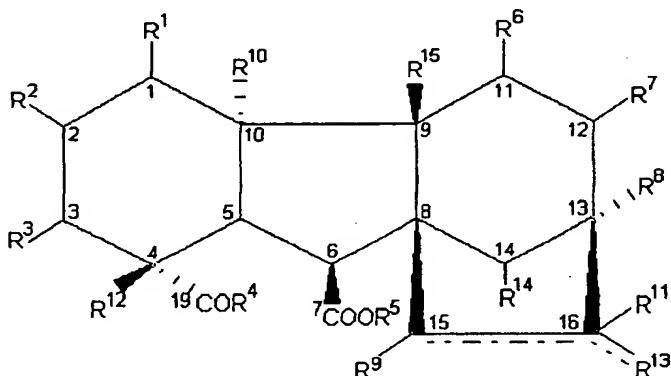
**Effect of MD-960 (5mg/kg; s.c.,  
i.p. or oral) and/or insulin (2-4U;  
s.c.) on blood glucose (mM) of  
streptozotocin-diabetic rats 5  
hours after administration**



\*Note: MD-960 represents Gibberellin A<sub>3</sub>

**What is claimed is:**

1. A method of treatment comprising adhibiting compounds of formula (1) (Gibberellins) and their pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives for diabetes and related conditions.



Formula (1)

wherein

$R^1$  is H or a group  $-O-R^{20}$ , where  $R^{20}$  is H, or together with  $R^2$  or  $R^{10}$  forms a bond ( $C_1-C_2$  or  $C_1-C_{10}$  double bond, respectively);

$R^2$  is H or a group  $-O-R^{21}$ , where  $R^{21}$  is H, a glycosylic ether group (glycoside ether) or together with  $R^4$  forms a bond (lactone) or together with  $R^1$  or  $R^3$  forms a bond ( $C_1-C_2$  or  $C_2-C_3$  double bond, respectively);

$R^3$  is H,  $=O$ , or  $-O-R^{22}$ , where  $R^{22}$  is H or a glycosylic ether group (glycoside ether), or together with  $R^2$  forms a bond ( $C_2-C_3$  double bond);

$R^4$  is OH, or  $-OR^{23}$ , where  $R^{23}$  is unsubstituted or substituted  $C_{1-20}$  alkyl, allyl, aryl, arylalkyl, amidine,  $-NR^{24}R^{25}$  or an unsaturated or saturated ring containing one or more hetero-atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur;  $R^{24}$  and  $R^{25}$  may or may not be the same, are hydrogen, or  $C_{1-20}$  alkyl, allyl, aryl, arylalkyl or an unsaturated or saturated ring containing one or more hetero-atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur;  $R^4$  together with  $R^{21}$  or  $R^{28}$  forms a bond (lactone);

R<sup>5</sup> is H or a glycosylic ester (glycoside ester) group, or unsubstituted or substituted (e.g. halogenated) C<sub>1-20</sub> alkyl esters, allyl esters, aryl esters, arylalkyl esters, active esters (such as phenacyl ester, pivaloyl ester);

R<sup>6</sup> is H or OH or together with R<sup>7</sup> forms a bond (C<sub>11</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> double bond);

R<sup>7</sup> is H, =O, or -OR<sup>26</sup>, where R<sup>26</sup> is H or a glycosylic ether group (glycoside ether) or together with R<sup>6</sup> forms a bond (C<sub>11</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> double bond);

R<sup>8</sup> is H, hydroxyl, mercaptan, or halogen (e.g. F, Cl), amino, azido, NR<sup>24</sup>R<sup>25</sup>, unsubstituted or substituted (e.g. halogenated) C<sub>1-20</sub> alkyl, allyl, aryl, or arylalkyl, or -OR<sup>27</sup>, where R<sup>27</sup> is a glycosylic ether group (glycoside ether);

R<sup>9</sup> is H or OH, or together with R<sup>15</sup> forms a bond (C<sub>9</sub>-C<sub>15</sub> bond);

R<sup>10</sup> is H, CH<sub>3</sub>, CHO, COOH, or a glycosylic ester (glycoside ester) of said COOH, CH<sub>2</sub>O-R<sup>28</sup> or -OR<sup>28</sup>, where R<sup>28</sup> is H or together with R<sup>4</sup> forms a bond (lactone) or together with R<sup>1</sup> forms a bond (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> double bond);

R<sup>11</sup> is OH or absent;

R<sup>12</sup> is CH<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>OH, COOH or a glycosylic ester (glycoside ester) of said COOH;

R<sup>13</sup> is methylene, or a divalent hetero-atom, or NR<sup>29</sup>, where R<sup>29</sup> is NR<sup>30</sup> or OR<sup>30</sup> where R<sup>30</sup> is H, or C<sub>1-20</sub> alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl; when R<sup>11</sup> is absent, a double bond is present between C<sub>16</sub> and R<sup>13</sup>;

R<sup>14</sup> is H or OH;

R<sup>15</sup> is H, or together with R<sup>9</sup> forms a bond (C<sub>9</sub>-C<sub>15</sub> bond);

And pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives, lactones, esters and salts including alkali metal salts (e.g. Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>), alkaline earth metal salts (e.g. Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>), metal salts (e.g. Zn<sup>2+</sup>, Al<sup>3+</sup>), and salts of ammonium, organic bases (such as NR<sup>16</sup>R<sup>17</sup>R<sup>18</sup>R<sup>19</sup> where R<sup>16</sup>, R<sup>17</sup>, R<sup>18</sup>, R<sup>19</sup>, which may be the same or not the same, are hydrogen, C<sub>1-20</sub> alkyl, alkanol, aryl) thereof.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the Gibberellins are Gibberellin A<sub>3</sub>.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the Gibberellins are a mixture of Gibberellin A<sub>3</sub> and Gibberellin A<sub>4</sub> and/or Gibberellin A<sub>7</sub>.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives are salts including alkali metal salts, alkaline earth metal salts, metal salts and salts of ammonium, organic bases.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein the organic bases are  $NR^{16} R^{17} R^{18} R^{19}$ , where  $R^{16}$ ,  $R^{17}$ ,  $R^{18}$ ,  $R^{19}$ , which may be the same or not the same, are hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{1-20}$  alkyl, alkanol, aryl.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives are lactones, glycoside, esters and active esters.
7. A method of treatment of diabetes and related conditions comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of formula (1) (Gibberellins) and their pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives.
8. A method according to claim 7, wherein the Gibberellins are Gibberellin A<sub>3</sub>.
9. A method according to claim 7, wherein the Gibberellins are a mixture of Gibberellin A<sub>3</sub> and Gibberellin A<sub>4</sub> and/or Gibberellin A<sub>7</sub>.
10. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (1), as an active ingredient for the treatment of diabetes and related conditions.
11. A slow releasing or long acting pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (1) as an active ingredient for the treatment of diabetes and related conditions.
12. According to claim 11, wherein the formulation is for oral administration.
13. According to claim 11, wherein the formulation is for inhalation administration.
14. According to claim 11, wherein the formulation is for transdermal administration.
15. According to claim 11, wherein the formulation is for injection.
16. The method of treatment of diabetes and related conditions comprising compounds of formula (1) (Gibberellins) and their pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives in combination therapy with insulin and/or its fragment derivatives, and/or IGF, and/or growth factors, and/or other pharmaceutically compatible anti-diabetic agents.
17. The method according to claim 1, for the treatment of type 1 diabetes.
18. The method according to claim 1, for the treatment of type 2 diabetes.

19. The method according to claim 1, for the treatment of insulin resistant diabetes.
20. The method according to claim 1, for the treatment of diabetic related conditions including obesity, heart and eye diseases, and diabetic ulcers.

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